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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Ad Hoc Intelligence Group on Exchanges - USIB
Meeting, 13 June 1974

1. At the pre-USIB meeting on 11 June, the Director stated his objections to the interim report of the ad hoc Intelligence Group on Exchanges (IGE) but agreed that CIA and the Intelligence Community should continue to support the Department of State in planning and carrying out US exchange and commercial contacts with the USSR, Eastern Europe, and the PRC. I believe that continuation of this effort is important because it results in a mutual exchange of information which strengthens US negotiating positions, enhances the collection of intelligence and supports operational efforts.

2. One of the Director's principal objections was to the IGE recommendation that a USIB Committee on Exchanges should be established. In the discussion, I commented that neither a USIB committee nor a new mechanism was required. I did not point out, however, as I should have, that the Interagency Intelligence Advisory Group on Exchanges (IIAGE) is still in being under DCID 2/6 and, can simply continue the work that has been going on since 1955.

3. An immediate practical effect of the Director's establishment in March 1974 of the ad hoc IGE was to revitalize the working relationships of the Department of State, CIA and the rest of the Community in planning for, carrying out [] exchanges. I trust that a second effect has been to reinforce Army and Air Force intentions to add from 10-12 officers to the domestic collection effort. It may be useful to note at USIB that CIA has already allocated ten additional positions for this purpose. This will respond to one of [] expressed concerns.

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4. It would be helpful if you could ask the State Department representative what their intentions are with regard to staffing. If State puts more resources into this effort, they will be able to supply information which will materially improve our ability to [redacted] commercial contacts.

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Chairman
Intelligence Group on Exchanges

Attachments:

DCID 2/6 (25 July 1963)

DCID No. ___, Coordination and Exploitation
of East-West Exchanges Programs and Other
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